

# Holloman 2004

## A year in review

### January

- Holloman's Military Equal Opportunity Office captured the Outstanding MEO Office award for the second consecutive year.

- A new control tower was installed at Holloman complete with a 270-degree view of departing and arriving aircraft and the occasional sand-storm.

### February

- Holloman's Military Equal Opportunity NCO in charge, Tech. Sgt. Trese Smith won the ACC Outstanding MEO NCO Award category Two-B.

- Master Sgt. Byron Osborn, 49th Maintenance Squadron, was promoted to master sergeant Jan. 29 by the Stripes for Exceptional Performers program.

- Nicole Cox the youngest volunteer firefighter at Oro Vista Volunteer Fire Department, was named one of New Mexico's top two youth volunteers by capturing the Prudential Spirit of Community award Feb. 3.
- Tech. Sgt. Joven Caguiat, 49th Materiel Maintenance Squadron, was STEP promoted to technical sergeant Jan. 28.

- Holloman schools have moved up the ladder across ACC in the education realm. Expansion Management Magazine recently published its 13th annual Education Quo-



Courtesy photo

**Staff Sgt. Michael Klinkert (right) and Airman 1st Class Christopher Coble, 49th Security Forces Squadron, were driving this heavily armored Humvee Jan. 5 when they entered an unmarked minefield at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan. Explosions rocked the vehicle, and they were stranded for about two hours until a mine-clearing vehicle was sent in.**



Photo by Staff Sgt. Sarayuth Pinthong

**Airman 1st Class Christopher Stoup and Staff Sgt. Ronald Wilson, both with the 49th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Flight, clear a bomb site during a weapons cache exercise as part of Eagle Flag, held at Lakehurst Naval Air Engineering Station, N.J., Feb. 23 to 27.**

tient ratings of 2,800 secondary school districts throughout the United States. Alamogordo is ranked eighth of the 17 communities across ACC and above the national average.

### March

- The 14th Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald Murray came to Holloman to speak at the annual Maintenance Personnel of the Year banquet.

- Master Sgt. Donald Easthouse and Staff Sgt. Wendy Atchley received the Army Commendation Medal during the Air Expeditionary Force Silver rotation.

- Master Sgt. Joel Samuelson, 49th Contracting Squadron, earned the Bronze Star for his support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

- Sixteen 49th Services Squadron members were reunited with their families

March 17 after supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

- Master Sgt. Ted Larson, 49th Maintenance Group, senior NCO won the Air Force Productivity Excellence Award for 2003.

- 49th Civil Engineer Squadron was victorious over the 49th Medical Group March 18 in the final game of the Over-30 intramural basketball season.

### April

- Lt. Col. Frank Rogers and Maj. John Markle reached 1,000 flying hours in the F-117A Nighthawk when they touched down on Holloman's runway April 2.

- Tech. Sgt. David Hawkyard, received a STEP



Photo by Senior Airman Martha Whipple

**The HAWC tested more than 2,000 Team Holloman members during the wing fitness test Feb. 27. More than 1,600 Team Holloman members scored excellent/good, 218 scored marginal and 284 scored poor.**

promotion from Gen. Hal Homburg, commander of Air Combat Command, March 18.

- Ms. Matrice Adger won the 2003 National TeenSupreme Keystone Club Advisor of the Year award.

### May

- Lt. Col. Thomas Shoaf became the 16th Nighthawk pilot in history to reach 1,000 hours April 27.

- The 49th Fighter Wing Commander led the building dedication ceremony for Holloman's legendary "Airfield Bob," Mr. Robert V. Shaeffer Jr., May 7 at the 49th Operations Group base operations building.

- Almost 40 members of the 49th Communications Squadron deployed to Balad Air Base. The 49th CS was the first wave of deployments that hit Holloman this summer.
- Members of the 9th Aircraft Maintenance Unit and the 9th FS set a new single-day F-117A sortie flying record of 63, May 11.



Photo by Senior Airman Martha Whipple

**Maj. Mark Rose, 49th Maintenance Operations Squadron commander, saluted an F-117A Nighthawk and 300 personnel as they deployed to the Western Pacific region in June.**

### June

- Command Chief Master Sgt. Bruce Barton becomes command chief June 1.

- Maj. James McClellan assumes command of the 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron.

- Lt. Col. Carleton Hirschel assumes command of the 49th Service Squadron.

- A Holloman Junior Girl Scout helped save a young girl from drowning June 10 at the New Mexico School for the Visually Handicapped swimming pool.

- The Holloman library is one of three libraries across the Air Force to earn five stars during a recent Air Force rating.

### July

- Col. Gail Colvin assumes command of the 49th Mission Support Group.
- Holloman's fire emergency team helps battle a three-

- structure fire at 40 Suzy Ann Street in Boles Acres, south of Alamogordo.

- Team Holloman trained for the worst June 30 during the Major Accident Response Exercise.

- Beginning in August, Holloman hired 38 civilians to fill administrative, gate guard and law enforcement positions.

- After 25 years of service the 49th Fighter Wing vice commander, Col. Rich Treadway, retires July 16.

### August

- Mr. Steve Arnold was the 25,000th person to spin in the 49th Aeromedical Dental Squadron Physiological Training Center's centrifuge Aug. 10.

- The first female F-117A Nighthawk pilot, Capt. Donna Kohout, takes flight here.

- Col. Matthew McKeon assumes command of the 49th Operations Group.

- Senior Airman Bray Danner, 49th SFS, was selected for Para rescue training Aug. 20.

- Tech. Sgt. Nickolette Reynolds, 49th Operations Support Squadron airfield management training, received Stripes for Exceptional Performers Aug. 27.

### September

- Staff Sgt. Michael Higgins, 49th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron repair and reclamation technician, earned \$18,013 in three years through the Innovative Development through employee Awareness program.

- Chief Master Sgt. David Bratton, 49th Services Squadron chief enlisted advisor, was selected as one of 46 chief master ser-

- geants throughout the Air Force to critique the new Chief Master Sergeant Leadership Course.

### October

- The 49th Fighter Wing met its fiscal year Air Combat Command flying hour goal of 6,684 sorties.

- Two vehicle operators from the 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron receive the Bronze Star for their service in Iraq from February to August. Tech.

- Sgt. Michael Sifford and Senior Airman Mazen Abdu were part of a 15-man team tasked to conduct convoy operations in Iraq.

- Fifteen vehicle operators from the 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron returned from a 191-day deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom with two bronze stars, 13 Army Commendation Medals and 15 Army

- 1st Infantry Division Patches. The thirteen members received the Commendation Medal because in February they became the first Air Force team to assist the Army with combat convoy operations.

- More than 300 members from the 9th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron returned after a three-month deployment to Kunsan Air Base, South Korea.

- Brig. Gen. Kurt Cichowski, 49th Fighter Wing commander, opened Holloman's 101 new housing units Oct. 13 during a ribbon cutting ceremony.

- The Air Force recently announced its 2003 annual science and engineering award winners and the 846th Test Squadron commander was recognized as the Air Force Senior Military Engineer of the Year.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. James R. Hart Jr.

**Airman Gary Horn, 49th Medical Group assigned to the deployed medical facility (r, holding onto litter) helps to transport a burn victim during Holloman's ORI Nov. 5.**

- About 180 bowlers and 50 basketball players ages 8 to 65 participated in the Special Olympics at Holloman.

- The 49th Fighter Wing wins the small-unit flag football championship title over 49th Operations Support Squadron.

- President Bush visits Alamogordo, Oct. 24.

- More than 100 pilots, crew members and enthusiasts gathered for the 20th Annual F-4 Phantom Society Convention Oct. 21 and 22 here.

### November

- The 49th Services Squadron won the 2005 Air Combat Command Food Service Excellence Award for the Shifting Sands and Westerner dining facilities.

- The 49th Materiel Maintenance Support Squadron won the 2004 Air Combat Command Maj. Gen. Warren R. Carter Daedalian Supply Effectiveness award for a non-flying unit.

- 202nd Field Artillery, New Mexico Army National Guard ends tour of duty at Holloman.

- Secretary of the Air Force, Dr. James G. Roche visited Holloman Nov. 18.

### December

- The 20th Fighter Squadron's inactivation ceremony was Dec. 20. By Jan. 7 all F-4s assigned to the 20th FS will be retired to Air Force's Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Center.



**The Holloman High Speed Test Track, hosted a rocket sled launch Dec. 10 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Col. (Dr.) John Stapp's historical sled ride.**



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**The 20th Fighter Squadron used the F-4F to train German Air Force crews from 1972-2004.**